

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed December 23, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-6 and 11-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Ekse on January 19, 2005.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1 . (Currently Amended) A document displaying system comprising:

- a support assembly having a backing member selectively couplable to a vertical support surface ;
- a frame assembly operationally couplable to said support assembly;
- a transparent cover member operationally couplable to said frame assembly, said frame assembly abutting a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member, said transparent cover member being for protecting a document to be displayed; and
- a pair of magnetic coupling members for selectively operationally securing said transparent cover member to said support assembly;

an intermediate board member positionable in said frame assembly between said support assembly and said transparent cover member, said intermediate board member providing support for said frame assembly and aiding said frame member in retaining its shape;

at least one back mounting aperture extending through said backing member for facilitating securing said support assembly to the vertical support surface; and
at least one intermediate mounting aperture extending through said intermediate board member, said intermediate mounting aperture being assigned with said back mounting aperture for facilitating securing said intermediate board member to the vertical support surface whereby a portion of the weight of said frame assembly is supported by said intermediate board member.

2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said transparent cover member includes an opaque portion extending around a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member, said opaque portion providing an appearance of a matt around the document being displayed.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one back mounting aperture extending through said backing member for facilitating securing said support assembly to the vertical support surface.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said frame assembly further comprises:

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a side portion for encompassing a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member; and

a back portion coupled to said side portion, said back portion being positionable between said backing member and said transparent cover member.

7-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A document displaying system comprising:

a support assembly having a backing member selectively couplable to a vertical support surface;

a frame assembly operationally couplable to said support assembly;

a transparent cover member operationally couplable to said frame assembly, said frame assembly abutting a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member, said transparent cover member being for protecting a document to be displayed;

a pair of magnetic coupling members for selectively operationally securing said transparent cover member to said support assembly;

a an intermediate board member positionable in said frame assembly between said support assembly and said transparent cover member, said intermediate board member providing support for said frame assembly and ~~aids~~ aiding said frame member in retaining its shape;

at least one back mounting aperture extending through said backing member for facilitating securing said support assembly to the vertical support surface ; and

at least one intermediate mounting aperture extending through said intermediate board member, said intermediate mounting aperture being aligned with said back mounting aperture for facilitating securing said intermediate board member to the vertical support surface whereby a portion of the weight of said frame assembly is supported by said intermediate board member.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said transparent cover member includes an opaque portion extending around a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member, said opaque portion providing an appearance of a matt around the document being displayed.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said frame assembly further comprises:

a side portion for encompassing a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member ; and

a back portion coupled to said side portion, said back portion being positionable between said backing member and said transparent cover member.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said frame assembly further comprises:

a side portion for encompassing a perimeter edge of said transparent cover member; and

a front portion coupled to said side portion, said front portion abutting a front edge of said transparent cover member for assisting in selectively coupling said transparent cover member to said support assembly.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein a first one of said pair of magnetic coupling members is operationally coupled to said transparent cover member and a second one of said pair of magnetic coupling members is operationally coupled to said backing member whereby said transparent cover member is selectively securable to said backing member.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein a first one of said pair of magnetic coupling member is operationally coupled to said frame assembly and a second one of said pair of magnetic coupling member is operationally coupled to said backing member whereby said frame assembly is selectively securable to said backing member.

17. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said backing member has a groove extending along a back top edge providing a space between said frame assembly and the vertical support surface when said frame assembly is coupled to said backing member.


18-20 (Canceled)

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C Hoge whose telephone number is (703) 308-3422. After April 5, 2005, the examiner's telephone number will be (571) 272-6645. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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